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SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE FOR THE SOCIAL SECURITY  
BOARD FOR 1939

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FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE SOCIAL  
SECURITY BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1939 AMOUNTING  
TO \$9,000,000

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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, January 5, 1939.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the Social Security Board for the fiscal year 1939 amounting to \$9,000,000.

The details of this estimate, the necessity therefor, and the reason for its submission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget transmitted herewith with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

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BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
Washington, January 3, 1939.

The PRESIDENT,  
*The White House.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the Social Security Board amounting to \$9,000,000 for the fiscal year 1939, as follows:

SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

Grants to States for Unemployment Compensation Administration, Social Security Board: For an additional amount for grants to States for unemployment compensation administration as authorized in title III of the Social Security Act, approved Aug. 14, 1935, fiscal year 1939 (42 U. S. C. 301-1305; 52 Stat. 410) ----- \$9,000,000

The Independent Offices Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1939, approved May 23, 1938, made available \$40,000,000 for the fiscal year 1939 for grants to States for unemployment compensation administration, as authorized in title III of the Social Security Act, which act limits the amount authorized for appropriation to \$49,000,000. However, due to the complex laws of the 51 jurisdictions entitled to grants, the Board has determined from experience that proper administration by the States cannot be had unless the amount authorized for appropriation is increased or the States are made to bear a portion of the cost of administration. Because of the present limitation in the law, only \$9,000,000 is transmitted in this estimate leaving the question of further requirements to await determination by Congress as to whether the present authorization of \$49,000,000 provided for in section 301, title III of the act should be increased, and, if so, by what amount. It should be here noted that during the last session of Congress you approved a proposal of the Social Security Board for legislation increasing the authorization to \$70,000,000, and that such proposed legislation was submitted to Congress by the Board.

The supplemental estimate of appropriation submitted herewith is required to meet a contingency which has arisen since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1939, and its approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

D. W. BELL,  
*Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget.*

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT